

## **Agency designated as lead for HIT projects under stimulus**

The Alabama Medicaid Agency has been designated by Governor Bob Riley to serve as the lead for all health information technology (HIT) activities related to the federal stimulus program, also known as the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009. The Agency will spearhead collaborative activities related to HIT grants, coordinate federal grant requests and work closely with the state's coordinator for all federal stimulus activities to track and manage funds made available to the state for health information technology.

"Alabama is leading the nation in terms of using technology to deliver better health care at a lower cost. Because the Agency is already involved in two HIT-related projects, we are in a unique position to help the state apply for and use funds from the federal stimulus package to bring health information technology to all areas of the state," Commissioner Carol Steckel said.

The Alabama Medicaid Agency is currently involved with two HIT projects, the Agency's [Together for Quality](#) Medicaid transformation project and the [Medicare Electronic Medical Records demonstration](#) project.